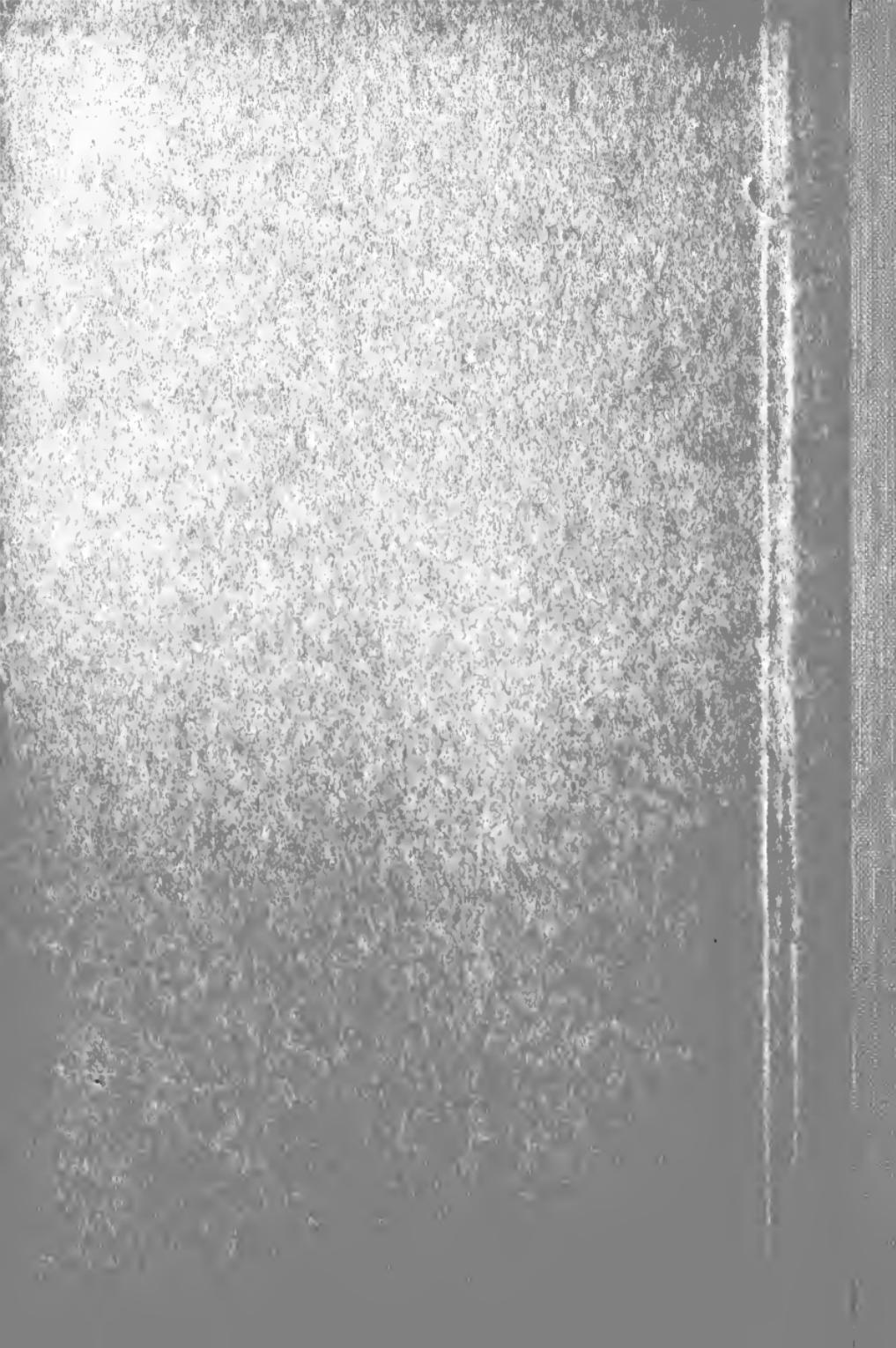


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MICHAEL BACON

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MICHAEL BACON AND HIS DESCENDANTS.

1. MICHAEL¹ BACON, born probably in County Suffolk, England, came to America in 1640, and was one of the early settlers of Dedham, Mass. Tradition says he held the office of captain of a company of yeomanry in County Suffolk.* According to Brown's History of Bedford, Mass. (appendix, page 2), he went from England to the North of Ireland about 1633, seven years previous to his coming to New England. The following is taken from "Dedham Records, Town and Selectmen," Vol. III., page 68: [26 May, 1640.] "Agreed upon that the Towne of Dedham shall enterteynemr Samuell Cooke together wth his estate And also m^r Smith & m^r Bacon all from Ireland & afford to them such accomodaⁿons of ypland & medowe as their estates shall Requier."

From a record made the following month (*ibid*, page 69), it would appear that the wife of Mr. Bacon preceded him in Dedham. He was one of the signers of the church covenant of Dedham. In 1644, he granted land to the town for one of the highways. His wife Alice died April 2, 1648, and he died the same month, April 18, 1648. His will, dated April 14, 1648, mentions all his children, except Alice, who died the previous month. Inventory, April 20, 1649, amounted to £54. 15. 04. (See REGISTER, Vol. 7, pages 230-1.)

His children, born probably in England, were:

2. i. MICHAEL²; Charlestown, 1640, Woburn, 1641, Billerica, about 1678; d. July 4, 1688.
3. ii. DANIEL; Woburn, 1640, Bridgewater, 1664, Cambridge Village (now Newton), about 1669; freeman, May 26, 1647; d. Sept. 7, 1691.
4. iii. JOHN; Dedham; freeman, 1647; d. June 17, 1683.
- iv. ALICE, m. March 31, 1647, Thomas Bancroft of Dedham. He d. March 24, 1648. She d. March 29, 1648.
- v. SARAH, m. April 14, 1648, Anthony Hubbard of Dedham. She d. 1652.
2. MICHAEL² BACON (*Michael¹*), born probably in England, came to Dedham in 1640, with his father. He was of Charlestown, Dec. 18, 1640, where he subscribed to "Town Orders" for the then projected town of Woburn, of which he shortly after became one of its original inhabitants.

Michael Bacon, of Woburn, bought of Roger Shaw, in 1648, a farm in the northwesterly part of Cambridge (now Bedford), including "all the meadow adjoining to the great swamp near the east corner of Concord bounds, that falls in Cambridge bounds." The Shawshin River runs from this "great swamp," on which Mr. Bacon is said to have erected, before 1675, a mill which was very

* Also see REGISTER, Vol. 37, page 192, note.

recently, if it is not now, standing. He was chosen, April 13, 1644, surveyor of highways for the town of Woburn. In a mortgage recorded June 8, 1675, he is alluded to as a citizen of Billerica. In August, 1675, the town of Billerica, when providing defense against the Indians in King Philip's War, assigned Michael Bacon to garrison "No. 10," under command of Timothy Brooks. He married first, Mary ——, who died Aug. 26, 1655; married second, Oct. 26, 1655, Mary Richardson, who died May 19, 1670; and married third, Nov. 28, 1670, Mary Noyes. He died July 4, 1683.

His children, all by his first wife, were:

5. i. MICHAEL¹, b. 1640; Charlestown and Woburn, 1640, Billerica, 1666, Bedford, 1682; d. Aug. 13, 1707.
- ii. ELIZABETH, b. Jan. 4, 1642, in Woburn.
- iii. SARAH, b. Aug. 24, 1644, in Woburn.
3. DANIEL² BACON (*Michael¹*), born probably in England, came to Dedham in 1640, with his father; was made freeman, May 26, 1647; and was one of the original projectors of the settlement at Woburn, 1640. Daniel was early of Bridgewater, and owned a purchase right there, and the farm where Timothy Reed, Esq., lately lived; all of which he sold to his "nephew Michael Bacon, Jr., of Billerica," who sold it, in 1685, to John Kingman of Weymouth. He was one of the jury for laying out the highways in 1664, and is mentioned again in 1668. In this latter year he purchased a house and six acres of land near Angier's corner, and about this time he probably went to Cambridge. He also purchased several parcels of land in Cambridge Village (now Newton) and Watertown, portions of which were afterwards conveyed to Oakes Angier, General William Hull, and others. On a part of one of these parcels was erected the Nonantum House. He was recorded at Newton in 1669. In 1669, William Clements, Jr., conveyed to Daniel Bacon, for £60, 25 acres of land located partly in Newton and partly in Watertown. On this tract Isaac and John, his sons, settled, John's part being within the bounds of Watertown.
- At Bridgewater, he married Mary Reed, daughter of Thomas Reed of Colchester, County Essex, England. He died intestate, Sept. 7, 1691, in Newton. She died Oct. 4, 1691. His sons Daniel and Jacob settled his estate, the inventory of which amounted to £143. 17s. 6d.
- His children, recorded in Cambridge, but probably all born in Bridgewater, were:
6. i. DANIEL³; of Boston, 1660; removed to Salem.
7. ii. THOMAS, b. April 13, 1645; Roxbury, 1664; d. Oct. 25, 1701.
- iii. JOHN, died young.
8. iv. JOHN, b. Sept. 8, 1647; Watertown, and Charlestown; d. April 7, 1678.
- v. ISAAC, b. April 4, 1650; Newton; d. 1684, leaving widow Abigail, who d. July 10, 1715. No children named in his will.
- vi. RACHEL, b. June 4, 1652.
9. vii. JACOB, b. June 2, 1654; Newton; d. at Newton, 1709.
- viii. LYDIA, b. March 6, 1656.
- ix. HANNAH (probably).
4. JOHN² BACON (*Michael¹*), born probably in England, came to Dedham in 1640, with his father; was made freeman in 1647; and was sole executor of his father's estate. By his father's will he received

four Acres of Meadow. Lying in Town Meadow at Dorchester; all woodlands & swamps granted me by the town of Dedham, excepting that Swamp that lyeth one the North [of] Charles River." He was frequently appointed on committees for clearing lands and laying out highways, and is recorded as among the selectmen, 1660-1; was a surveyor and commissioner, and one of the signers of the petition of the Town of Dedham against the Indians of Natick, sent to the Governor and Assistants and Deputies assembled in General Court at Boston, May 7, 1662. (Mass. Archives, XXX., 112.) He was a member of Captain Timothy Dwight's company, in King Philip's War, stationed at the garrison in Wrentham in 1676. He left no will. His wife Rebecca, son John, and son-in-law Nathaniel Kingsbury, were appointed administrators of his estate. There is no record of division of the property, but in the inventory "lands and rights in Wrentham" are mentioned. He remained in Dedham until his death, June 17, 1683. He married, December 17, 1651, Rebecca Hall of Dedham, who died October 27, 1694. Until recently, descendants of John enjoyed part of the ancestral property.

His children, born in Dedham, were:

10. i. JOHN³, b. July 17, bapt. Aug. 2, 1656; d. Oct. 27, 1702.
- ii. REBECCA, b. Nov. 10, 1658; m. 13 Feb. 1678, John Gay of Dedham.
- iii. DANIEL, b. March 10, 1660-1; d. before April 21, 1700.
- iv. SARAH, b. March 21, 1663.
12. v. SAMUEL, b. Oct. 8, 1665.
13. vi. THOMAS, b. Aug. 23, 1667; d. in Wrentham, April 11, 1749.
- vii. SUSAN, m. Jan. 7, 1692, Jonathan Dwyng.
- viii. MARY, b. Oct. 14, 1673; m. Nathaniel Kingsbury.
- ix. STEPHEN, b. Aug. 21, 1677; m. Mary ——, and had: MARY⁴, b. March 20, —— (probably 1707-8). No further record, in Dedham.
5. MICHAEL³ BACON (Michael² Michael¹) was born in 1611, probably at Charleston, before his father settled in Woburn. He is recognized by his father in a deed dated Oct. 4, 1666, as his "loving son, Michael Bacon, Jun., of Billerica, shoemaker." Michael³ purchased the Rev. Mr. Mitchell's farm of 500 acres for £200, in July, 1682. The farm was a grant by Cambridge to their minister, in 1652. It was situated on the Shawshin River, and included the mill, and was known for many years as the "Bacon homestead."

The families of Bacon prominent in the history of Bedford have almost all descended from Michael³. The name has been prominent in the territory comprising the town, for more than two hundred years. The "Bacon house," still standing, is thought to have been built by Michael³ in the latter part of the 17th century. Six later generations of the family, in five of which the name Benjamin appears, have been born or lived in that house. Among other traits of the family, a notable one has been their musical talent.

Of the twenty-six "minute men" from Bedford in the "Concord fight," six were Bacons, and there were two in the Company of militia in that engagement. There were nine Bacons reported as liable to do military duty, May 15, 1775.

He married, March 22, 1660, Sarah, daughter of Thomas Richardson. He died Aug. 13, 1707. She died Aug. 15, 1694.

His children were:

1. MARY⁴, b. June 1, 1661, in Woburn.
- ii. SARAH, b. Aug. 24, 1663, in Woburn.

- iii. ABIGAIL, b. March 5, 1666-7, in Woburn.
- 14. iv. JONATHAN, b. July 14, 1672, in Billerica; d. Jan. 12, 1754.
- 15. v. NATHANIEL, b. Sept. 18, 1675, in Billerica.
- 16. vi. JOSIAH, b. Aug. 20, 1678, in Billerica; d. Oct. 14, 1723.
- vii. RUTH, b. July 24, 1681, in Billerica.
- 17. viii. BENJAMIN, b. 1683, in Bedford; d. Nov. 27, 1727.
- 18. ix. JOSEPH, b. March 8, 1685, in Bedford; d. Nov. 19, 1747.

6. DANIEL³ BACON (*Daniel² Michael¹*) was born probably at Bridgewater. He was of Boston in 1660; and later removed to Salem, where he is mentioned as a shipwright in the papers relating to a suit, in 1664, between John Pickering and the owners of the "New mill" (now The City Mills) in Salem. He married, August 1, 1664, Susanna, baptized in 1697, at Lynn, daughter of Michael Spence of Salem. His children, recorded in Salem, were:

- 19. i. DANIEL⁴, b. 14 Oct. 1665.
- ii. ALICE, b. 28 of 8^{mo}. 1669; d. abt. 7 weeks later.
- iii. SUSANNA, b. 18 July, 1670.
- iv. MARY, b. 8 June, 1673.
- 20. v. MICHAEL, b. 23 Oct. 1676.
- vi. LYDIA, b. 23 of 12^{mo}, 1678; d. 25 of 10^{mo}, 1681.
- 21. vii. JOHN, b. 24 of 11^{mo}, 1680.

7. THOMAS³ BACON (*Daniel² Michael¹*) was born April 13, 1645, probably at Bridgewater. He was of Roxbury in 1665. His wife was Mary —, who was admitted to the Church in Roxbury, March 24, 1671-2. He died Oct. 25, 1701.

His children, born in Roxbury, were:

- i. JOSEPH⁴, b. Jan. 1, 1666; no record of marriage.
- ii. GEORGE, b. Sept. 12, 1672; d. 1674.
- And perhaps,
- iii. MARGARET, who d. May 16, 1680.
- iv. MARGARET, bapt. Oct. 18, 1682.
- v. HANNAH, bapt. Nov. 10, 1685.

8. JOHN³ BACON (*Daniel² Michael¹*) was born Sept. 8, 1647, probably at Bridgewater. He removed to Charlestown about 1668; and later settled on a portion of a 25-acre tract of land in Watertown, purchased by his father, in 1669, from William Clements, Jr. In February, 1678-9, his father gave him a deed of land in Watertown, "in observance of the last will and testament" of his grandfather Reed. He married, Sept. 2, 1668, Susanna, daughter of James Draper. He died of small-pox, April 7, 1678. She died of small-pox, March 20, 1677-8. His will, dated April 6, and probated April 15, 1678, confides his daughter to Mrs. Elliot, his sons to their grandfather James Draper, and gives a boy named Robert Miller, 20 shillings.

His children, born in Charlestown, were:

- i. JOHN⁴, b. Aug. 27, 1670; removed to Roxbury, where he sold a house near meeting-house to Edward Johnson, Jr., in 1691-2; m. perhaps Mary —, and had: *Benjamin⁵* and *Robert*, twins, b. Feb. 7, 1709, and *Abigail*, b. Aug. 15, 1711.
- ii. SUSANNA, b. Jan. 3, 1672-3.
- iii. EPHRAIM, b. Nov. 17, 1675; m. perhaps Elizabeth Gregs, Aug. 28, 1700; lived in Roxbury. No record of children.
- iv. A child, died of small-pox, March 18, 1677-8.

9. JACOB³ BACON (*Daniel² Michael¹*) was born June 2, 1654, probably at Bridgewater. He removed to Newton, and was there in 1677,

and a freeholder in 1689. He lived on the ~~other~~ side of the Charles River. In 1678, he and his brother Isaac were among petitioners for the separation of Cambridge Village from the Town of Cambridge. Another brother, Daniel, was among the freemen who did not sign. He married first, Elizabeth Knight; and married second, in Dec., 1700, Dorothy, daughter of Ralph Broadhurst of Roxbury. He died in 1709.

His children by his first wife, all born in Newton, were:

- i. ELIZABETH⁴, b. March 26, 1677; d. April 6, 1678.
- ii. JACOB, b. March or May 9, 1680; m. Elizabeth —; settled in the south part of the town, adjoining Roxbury line; had one son John. In 1710, he and wife Elizabeth sold 20 acres of land to Wm. Ward. He d. soon after; and his widow signed a petition to worship in Roxbury.
- iii. JOHN, b. Feb. 27, 1682-3; d. before 1704.
- iv. ELIZABETH⁵, b. May 12, 1684; d. young.
- v. RUHAMAH, b. April 8, 1686; d. young.
- vi. MARY, b. 1689.
- vii. ELIZABETH, b. May 6, 1692.
- viii. ISAAC, b. June 28, 1693; no record of marriage.

His children by his second wife were:

- ix. RUHAMAH, b. Dec. 18, 1700.
- x. ABIGAIL, b. Feb. 16, 1701-2.
- xi. JOHN (twin), b. July 30, 1704, at Roxbury.
- xii. DOROTHY (twin), b. July 30, 1704, at Roxbury.
- xiii. RALPH, b. Nov. 1706.
- xiv. MARY ELIZABETH (probably).

10. JOHN³ BACON (*John² Michael¹*) was born in Dedham, July 17, and baptized Aug. 3, 1656. He married, Dec. 15, 1683, Lydia, daughter of Andrew Dewing of Dedham. He died Oct. 27, 1732; and his widow Lydia married, second, March 1, 1759, Joseph Draper, Jr.

His children, born in Dedham, were:

- i. LYDIA⁴, b. Oct. 12, 1684.
- ii. REBECCA, b. June 30, 1687.
- iii. RACHEL, b. March 30, 1690; m. June 5, 1729, David Lawrence of Wrentham.
22. iv. JONS. b. Jan. 3, 1692-3; d. Nov. 3, 1749.
23. v. MICHAEL, b. March 21, 1695-6.

11. DANIEL³ BACON (*John² Michael¹*) was born in Dedham, March 10, 1660-1. He married, April 21, 1685, Elizabeth, perhaps daughter of Richard Martin. The widow, Elizabeth, died April 21, 1700, at Dedham.

His children, born in Dedham, were:

- i. DANIEL⁴, b. May 8, 1686; d. Oct. 27, 1694, ⁱⁿ ~~at~~ ^{near} ~~Dedham~~, ^{Mass.}
- ii. ISAAC, b. March 9, 1688-9; m. 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13. THOMAS³ BACON (*John*,² *Michael*,¹) was born in Dedham, Aug. 23, 1667. He removed to Wrentham, and is recorded among the planters there in 1693. He came into possession of some part of the "land and rights in Wrentham" mentioned in his father's inventory. Jan. 22, 1691, he married Hannah, daughter of James Fales, who came from Chester, England, early in the seventeenth century, and was among the first settlers of Dedham, a freeman in 1653, and a soldier in King Philip's War. Hannah was born at Dedham, Nov. 16, 1672; and died in Wrentham, in April, 1711. Thomas died in Wrentham, April 10, 1749.

His children, born in Wrentham, were:

- 25. i. THOMAS⁴, b. Nov. 26, 1693; d. 1784.
- ii. HANNAH, b. April 25, 1697; d. Oct. 23, 1754; m. Nathaniel Wright, who d. April 3, 1755.
- 26. iii. JAMES, b. Oct. [1700]; d. 1785.
- iv. MARTHA, b. Oct. 8, 1703; d. April 3, 1800; m. June 22, 1731, John Shepard.
- 27. v. JACOB, b. Sept. 9, 1706; Harvard College, 1731; m. (1) June 22, 1749, "Mary Wood of Boxford" by whom he had seven children, all b. in Plymouth; m. (2) Mary Whitney; d. Aug. 14, 1787, at Rowley, Mass.
- 28. vi. JOHN, b. April 22, 1710.

14. JONATHAN³ BACON (*Michael*,² *Michael*,¹ *Michael*,²) was born at Billerica, July 14, 1672, where he became a man of prominence in the town. In 1669, he was approved by the selectmen "to sell victuals and drink." It was ordered by the "Great and General Court," in 1705, that he and others should have proportionable shares with other common proprietors and inhabitants of Billerica in all future divisions of undivided and waste lands belonging to the town, according to their proportion of the town charges for the last seven years. Jonathan, with two brothers, was in the Indian wars, with "Major Lane"** in 1706. In 1722, the schoolmaster was assigned by the town to go "one month to Jonathan Bacon's." He represented the town of Billerica at the General Court in 1726, and was selectman in 1719 and 1727. He was prominent in the petition to secure the formation of the town of Bedford. As a "principal inhabitant," he was appointed to assemble the people in the first town meeting, Oct. 6, 1729, at which time he was chosen one of the selectmen. He married first, Jan. 3, 1694, Elizabeth Giles, who died in 1738; and he married second, Sept. 22, 1739, Elizabeth Hancock, widow of Benjamin Wyman of Woburn. He died Jan. 12, 1754.

His children, born in Billerica, were:

- i. ELIZABETH⁴, b. Nov. 26, 1695.
- ii. SARAH, b. Dec. 25, 1696; m. Israel Putnam.
- iii. ANNA, b. April 28, 1698; d. Oct. 5, 1698.
- iv. JONATHAN, b. Dec. 18, 1700; m. Ruth —, and had: *William*,⁶ who d. young.
- v. MARY, b. Sept. 18, 1702.
- vi. BRIDGET, b. Jan. 5, 1706 or '7.
- vii. ANNA, b. Aug. 19, 1709.

15. NATHANIEL⁴ BACON (*Michael*,³ *Michael*,² *Michael*,¹) was born in Billerica, Sept. 18, 1675. He married Judith, daughter of Francis

* John Lane, of Billerica.

Wyman of Woburn, who served under Captain Thomas Prentiss in the Mount Hope Campaign, 1675-1676.

His children, born in Billerica, were:

- i. NATHANIEL³, b. March 1, 1699-1700.
- ii. JUDITH, b. Oct. 19, 1701; d. Dec. 30, 1701.
- iii. JUDITH, b. Nov. 10, 1702.
- iv. ABIGAIL, b. Jan. 1, 1704-5; m. Aug. 26, 1725, Thomas Grover.
- v. SARAH, b. April 10, 1707; m. March 2, 1726-7, Benjamin Grove of Stowchain.
- vi. MICHAEL, b. March 22, 1708-9; d. Dec. 30, 1709.
- vii. SUSANNA, b. Oct. 5, 1710; m. Nathan Brooks of Concord.
- viii. MICHAEL, b. Oct. 29, 1713; m. (1) Nov. 24, 1743, Sarah Whittemore of Lexington, who d. April 17, 1745; he m. (2) March 5, 1747, Elizabeth, dau. of Job and Mary Lane, and had nine children, among whom were *De cicis* and *coquettas*.
- ix. JOSEPH, b. March 51, 1716. No record of marriage.
- x. THOMAS, b. Sept. 12, 1721. No record of marriage.

16. JOSIAH⁴ BACON (*Michael*,³ *Michael*,² *Michael*) was born Oct. 20, 1678, in Billerica. He was a lieutenant in the Indian Wars, with "Major Lane." His wife was Mary _____. He died Oct. 14, 1723.

His children, born in Billerica, were:

- i. JOSIAH⁵, b. April 27, 1702; m. June 23, 1726, Sarah, dau. of Deacon Joseph and Rebecca (Patten) Davis, and had eleven children. The widow Sarah m., second, Capt. Enoch Kelder.
- ii. MARY, b. Oct. 29, 1703; d. Nov. 16, 1703.
- iii. MARY, b. Dec. 9, 1704; d. Jan. 8, 1705.
- iv. MARY, b. Oct. 14, 1706.
- v. LYDIA, b. June 6, 1710.
- vi. SAMUEL, b. March 25, 1719; d. April 19, 1719.

17. BENJAMIN¹ BACON (*Michael*,³ *Michael*,² *Michael*) was born in 1683, in Bedford. He was the son to remain on the homestead in Bedford, known as the "Bacon house." He and brother Joseph had land signed by Michael⁴ their father, in 1704, the deed not recorded until 1710. He served in Capt. John Lane's Company, 1703-1713; and was in the Billerica Troop of Horse, in Queen Anne's War, for the relief of Duxbury, Mass., 1706. In his will, dated Nov. 25, 1727, all the children except Mary are mentioned, and provision made for a child if one should be born after his death. He married, Dec. 2, 1712, Abigail Taylor of Concord. He died Nov. 12, 1727. (Tombstone in Billerica.)

His children, born in Bedford, were:

- i. BENJAMIN², b. Dec. 6, 1713; m. Feb. 15, 1739, Catherine, dau. of Col. John Lane, and had six children.
- ii. JOHN, b. June 16, 1716; d. May 26, 1760; m. in 1744 Elizabeth Stearns, and had three, and perhaps other children. She m., second, Capt. Jonathan Wilson.
- iii. ABIGAIL, b. Sept. 25, 1718; m. James Simonds of Woburn.
- iv. SAMUEL, b. July 21, 1721.
- v. MARY, b. Oct. 28, 1726; d. Dec. 28, 1726.

18. JOSEPH⁴ BACON (*Michael*,³ *Michael*,² *Michael*) was born May 8, 1685, in Bedford. He married, May 9, 1716, Rebecca Taylor, probably of Concord. He died Nov. 29, 1747; and she died Aug. 24, 1778, aged 91 years, 9 months, and 16 days.

His children, born in Bedford, were:

- i. REBECCA⁵, b. April 17, 1717; d. Feb. 20, 1763; unmarried.
- ii. LYDIA, b. Sept. 20, 1719; m. Amos Brooks of Harvard.

iii. RUTH, m. Joseph Robbins of Acton.
 iv. EUNICE, m. Samuel Bacon of Stow. They had nine children. The father, Samuel, was not of the Bedford line from Michael.

19. DANIEL⁴ BACON (*Daniel⁵ Daniel² Michael¹*) was born Oct. 14, 1665, in Salem. He was a shipwright. Dec. 21, 1689, John Ruck conveyed to Daniel Bacon, Jr., what was afterwards called the Bacon lot, with a right to drive across the grantor's wharf to the lot. It remained in the family seventy-five years. Executors of John Ruck conveyed another lot to him, Feb. 6, 1698-9. Mr. Bacon erected a house upon it, and died possessed of the estate, in 1747. The property passed to Benjamin Bacon, of Salem, a wig and periuke maker, and Joseph Ropes, of Salem, mariner. Daniel married Sarah ——.
 His children, born in Salem, and all baptized in First Church, were:
 i. DANIEL⁵, b. about 1690; bapt. May 3, 1696; m. Elizabeth ——, and had three children, b. in Salem; he d. in May, 1761.
 ii. SARAH, bapt. May 3, 1696.
 iii. BENJAMIN, bapt. May 3, 1696.
 iv. SUSANNA, bapt. June 14, 1696.
 v. ELIZABETH, bapt. April 10, 1698.
 vi. JOHN, bapt. July 7, 1700.
 vii. SPENCER, bapt. Feb. 22, 1701.

20. MICHAEL⁴ BACON (*Daniel⁵ Daniel² Michael¹*) was born Oct. 23, 1676, in Salem. He married Margaret ——.
 His children, born in Salem, and baptized in First Church, were:
 i. MICHAEL⁵, bapt. Sept. 30, 1705.
 ii. MARGARET, bapt. June 22, 1707.
 iii. MICHAEL, bapt. Feb. 27, 1708.
 iv. SAMUEL, bapt. April 15, 1711; shipwright; d. before 1783; m. Hannah ——, and had three children b. in Salem.
 v. SARAH, bapt. March 22, 1713.
 vi. SUSANNA, bapt. July 17, 1715.
 vii. RETIRE, bapt. April 17, 1720. On June 16, 1758, Retire and five other men of Capt. Marrow's Company were put under guard on suspicion of killing a young beef and two calves.

21. JOHN⁴ BACON (*Daniel⁵ Daniel² Michael¹*) was born Jan. 24, 1680, in Salem. He married Hannah ——. He died before Aug. 26, 1716.
 His children, born in Salem and baptized in First Church, were:
 i. HANNA⁵, bapt. July 20, 1712.
 ii. JOHN, bapt. July 20, 1712.
 iii. TABITHA, bapt. July 20, 1712.
 iv. MARY, bapt. July 20, 1712.
 v. SAMUEL, bapt. Aug. 29, 1714.
 vi. BENJAMIN, bapt. Aug. 26, 1716, "son of Hanna, ye widow of John."¹⁰

22. JOHN⁴ BACON (*John⁵ John² Michael¹*) was born Jan. 31, 1692-3, in Dedham. He married Elizabeth ——. He died Nov. 3, 1749. She died Aug. 27, 1740.
 His children, born in Dedham, were:
 i. REBECKAH⁵, b. Dec. 30, 1717.
 ii. ELIZABETH, b. Jan. —— (probably 1720).
 iii. JOHN, b. April 17, 1722.
 iv. RICHARD, b. Mch. 12, 1726-7; m. Mch. 11, 1756, Anna Haws of Needham, by Rev. Andrew Taylor, and had two sons, recorded in Dedham.

v. JEREMIAH, b. Aug. 24, 1729; m. abt. 1750 Adria Whiting, by Rev. Mr. Samuel Dexter, and had three children, recorded in Dedham. Re d. Sept. 5, 1795, aged 66 years.
 vi. HANNAH, b. Aug. 25, 1732.
 vii. MARY, b. Dec. 11, 1734.
 viii. ABIGAIL, b. June 29, 1737.

23. MICHAEL⁴ BACON (*John*,³ *John*,² *Michael*¹) was born March 21, 1695-6, in Dedham. He married Abigail ——.

His children, born in Dedham, were :

- i. MICHAEL⁵, b. July 25, 1722; m. in Needham, May 23, 1751, Mary Mills of Needham, by Mr. Jonathan Townsend, "our Gospel Minister," No record of children.
- ii. EBENÆTH, b. Nov. 31, 1724; m. Rebecca ——, and had four children.
- iii. SARAH, b. Feb. 9, 1726-7.
- iv. NEHEMIAH, b. Jan. 4, 1728-9. No record of marriage.
- v. JOSIAH, b. June 6, 1730; m. Nov. 27, 1755, Abigail Smith of Needham and had five children.
- vi. LYDIA, b. Dec. 21, 1734.
- vii. WILLIAM, b. Sept. 24, 1735. No record of marriage.

24. WILLIAM BACON (*Daniel*,² *John*,² *Michael*¹) was born Oct. 8, 1694, in Dedham. He removed to Stoughton, Mass. He married first, March 21, 1715-16, Sarah Aldis; and married second, Experience Haws of Dedham.

His child by his first wife was :

- i. WILLIAM⁵, b. June 24, 1716, in Dedham; was Captain of a company raised for the Crown Point expedition, in the French and Indian War; m. Nov. 17, 1737, by Rev. Mr. Thomas Bullock, Abigail Dean of Dedham, and had ten children, all born in Dedham. He died May 21, 1761. The widow Abigail m. second, Oct. 20, 1763, George Talbot of Stoughton.

His children by his second wife, recorded in Dedham, were :

- ii. EBENEZER, b. Oct. 6, 1721; m. Bebeckah ——, and had twelve children recorded in Dedham.
- iii. DANIEL, b. Aug. 14, 1723.
- iv. SARAH, b. Aug. 3, 1725.
- v. SUSANNA, b. Dec. 30, 1727.
- vi. DAVID, b. Oct. 21, bapt. Dec. 6, 1730.
- vii. JOSEPH, b. Oct. 4, 1732; m. Aug. 9, 1761, Abigail Holmes of Woodstock, Conn.

25. THOMAS⁴ BACON (*Thomas*,³ *John*,² *Michael*¹) was born Nov. 26, 1693, in Wrentham. The following is in Suffolk Deeds, Vol. 41, page 55: Thomas Bacon, Senr, of Wrentham, to his son Thomas, of Wrentham, forty acres in Wrentham "(to be accounted to him at £100 as part of his portion out of my temporal estate)," 31 July, 1721.

In 1733 he was found among the petitioners for encouraging the sugar colonies, in which John Yeamans took so prominent a part. Thomas Bacon and Esther Thurston, both of Wrentham, were married Oct. 3, 1711. She died Aug. 1, 1713, and he married second (date not recorded), Deborah ——. He died in 1784.

His child by his first wife was :

- i. SARAH⁵, b. Aug. 25, 1712, in Wrentham.

His children by his second wife, all born in Wrentham, were :

- ii. KEZIA, b. Feb. 26, 1722-3.
- iii. KESIA, b. June 7, 1725.

- iv. THOMAS, b. Aug. 23, 1726; m. Feb. 16, 1748-9, Lydia Pond, and had five children.
- v. DEBORAH, b. Aug. 28, 1728.
- vi. SARAH, b. Feb. 11, 1730-31, "daughter of Thomas Bacon, Jr."
- vii. REBEKAH, b. Feb. 16, 1732.

26. JAMES⁴ BACON (*Thomas,³ John,² Michael¹*) was born Oct. [1700], in Wrentham. He received by deed from his father, May 8, 1735, sixteen acres of land, house and barn in Wrentham. He married, Feb. 8, 1725-6, Mercy Man. He died in 1785.

His children, born in Wrentham, were:

- i. JAMES⁵, b. June 30, 1728.
- ii. ELLIJAH, b. Aug. 1, 1730.
- iii. RICHARD, b. Oct. 3, 1733.
- iv. ISAIAH, ~~4~~, Sept. 2, 1735.
- v. NANCY, b. Sept. 21, 1737.
- vi. JACOB, b. July 3, 1741.
- vii. ELIAS, b. Feb. 6, 1742-3.
- viii. JONATHAN, b. Sept. 5, 1745.
- ix. BETTY, b. Aug. 27, 1751.

27. JACOB⁴ BACON (*Thomas,³ John,² Michael¹*) was born Sept. 9, 1706, in Wrentham. He graduated from Harvard College, class of 1731, and was the first graduate of the name in America. He removed to Upper Ashuelot, now Keene, New Hampshire. At a meeting of the proprietors, held there Oct. 26, 1737, it was voted that "the worthy Mr. Jacob Bacon draw lots for the whole property"; this was the second division of meadow land. In the course of that year, he was appointed Proprietors' Clerk and Treasurer. He was ordained to the work of the ministry there Oct. 18, 1738, when a church of 19 members was organized. After the town was burned by the Indians, in April, 1747, he supplied the pulpit in Boxford. In a letter dated 19 February, 1753, written to Meshech Weare, then Speaker of the House of Representatives of New Hampshire, the Rev. Jacob Bacon tells of the privations of the infant plantation of Upper Ashuelot, together with the hardships of an Indian War, and of being separated from the protection of the mother government. He asks that he may not be left out or cut off from the interest in his lands, which he was compelled to abandon, valued at not less than one thousand pounds, to which he can show a just claim and title by deeds and bonds in his possession. In 1749, he became pastor of the Third Church in Plymouth, and continued there till 1776, when the Society became so greatly diminished by the war that they ceased to maintain public worship. After preaching 18 months in Plympton, Second Parish, he retired to Rowley, where he died Aug. 14, 1787. His Bible is in Pilgrim Hall, Plymouth, Mass. He married first, June 22, 1749, "Mary Wood of Boxford," born 1717, died Feb. 17, 1772, daughter of Dr. David Wood. He married second, Mary Whitney, who died at David Thurston's in Sedgwick, Maine, March 6, 1815, aged 87.

His children by his first wife, all born in Plymouth, were:

- i. MARY⁵, b. Aug. 18, 1750; m. David Thurston of Rowley; d. Oct. 21, 1790.
- ii. JACOB, b. Aug. 25, 1751; Harvard College, 1771; physician; lived in Salem; d. in 1816; m. and had one child: *Sally*, ⁶ b. Jan. 27, 1785.

- iii. THOMAS, b. Feb. 5, 1753; d. Aug. 1753.
- iv. DAVID, b. Aug. 21, 1754; a Revolutionary soldier; m. Oct. 30, 1777, Abigail, dau. of Stephen Samson ⁶ of Plymouth, Mass., and descendant of John and Priscilla Alden and Myles Standish. David d. Nov. 30, 1849, aged 95 years 3 mos., in Templeton, Mass. He had: *Rufus*,⁶ b. Feb. 13, 1792, in Plymouth, Mass., Harvard College, 1810; m. Nov. 25, 1818, Ann Tucker Dalton, dau. of Peter Roe Dalton of Boston; removed to Taberg, Oneida Co., N. Y., in 1827; had son Sidney Brooks,⁷ b. March 4, 1832, in Taberg, N. Y., who m. Oct. 27, 1868, Esther D., dau. of Rev. Elijah Hinds Munger. Sidney Brooks d. Oct. 6, 1898, in Syracuse, N. Y. He had Leon Brooks,⁸ the compiler, b. in Taberg, N. Y.
- v. OLIVER, b. Oct. 25, 1755; d. in Jaffrey, N. H.
- vi. SAMUEL, b. June 3, 1757; Revolutionary soldier; d. in Templeton, Oct., 1838.
- vii. CHARLES, b. April 8, 1759; d. Sept. 16, 1759. (Inscription, Boxford churchyard.)

28. JOHN⁴ BACON (*Thomas,¹ John,² Michael³*) was born April 22, 1710, in Wrentham. He received from his father, by deed recorded March 20, 1731-2, dwelling house, barn, etc., in Wrentham. He married in Wrentham, Mary ——, date of marriage not recorded.

His children, born in Wrentham, were:

- i. JOHN⁵, b. June 30, 1732.
- ii. HULDAH, b. April 11, 1734.
- iii. ASA, b. April 8, 1735.
- iv. MARY, b. April 1, 1740. ⁴ According to the records.
- v. RICEUS, b. April 6, 1740. ⁵ According to the records.
- vi. ELIZABETH, b. and d. May 4, 1744.
- vii. SARAH, b. Nov. 4, 1745.
- viii. THOMAS, b. June 26, 1747.
- ix. JARIB, b. March 16, 1748-9.
- x. EBENEZER, b. Jan. 16, 1752.

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